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Art Unit 1632

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/390,634; Filed: September 7, 1999
For: **Method for Expanding Embryonic Stem Cells in Serum-Free Culture**
Inventors: Price *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4190002/RWE/FRC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Copy of Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt;
2. A copy of the Second Preliminary Amendment amending the Title of the application, along with the return postcard date-stamped December 21, 1999 by the USPTO;
3. Request for Corrected Official Filing Receipt;
4. A copy of the Official Filing Receipt with correction noted in red; and
5. Return postcard.

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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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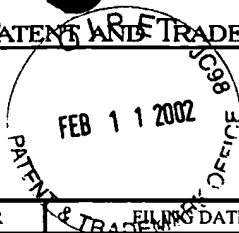

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** CONTINUING DATA ***** THIS APPLICATION IS A DIV OF 08/781,772 01/10/1997 ABN <i>aw</i>				
** FOREIGN APPLICATIONS *****				
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Foreign Priority claimed <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no 35 USC 119 (a-d) conditions met <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> Met after Allowance Verified and Acknowledged Examiner's Signature <i>aw</i> Initials	STATE OR COUNTRY NY	SHEETS DRAWING 2	TOTAL CLAIMS 38	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 17
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In response to your request for a corrected Filing Receipt, the Office is unable to comply with the request because:

- ☐ The articles such as "a", "an", and "the" are not included as the first words in the title of an application. They are considered to be unnecessary to the understanding of the title.
- ☐ The words "new", "improved", "improvement of", "improvement in", or "improvement relating to" are not included as the first words in the title of an application because a patent application is, by nature, a new idea or improvement. See MPEP 606.
- ☐ The title appears on the filing receipt in sentence case for publication in the Annual Index of Patents.
- ☐ Amendments are not accepted in provisional applications. See 37 CFR 1.53(c).
- ☒ An amendment or Application Data Sheet is needed to make this change.
- ☐ The inventor's residence will only include the city and state for U.S. residences or city and country for residences outside the U.S. See MPEP 605.02.
- ☐ Continuity claimed under 35 USC 120 cannot be added to the Filing Receipt without the applicant supplying the relationship (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) in an amendment or Application Data Sheet.

☐ Small entity status was previously claimed in this application. To notify the Office of a loss of entitlement to small entity status, see 37 CFR 1.27(g). To have a good faith error in claiming small entity status excused, see 37 CFR 1.28(c).

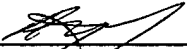
☐ The request for non-publication was not timely filed. A request for non-publication must be submitted upon filing of an application. The application is scheduled to be published on the date specified on the filing receipt.

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☐ There was no prior request for non-publication in this application. The request to rescind the non-publication request will not be processed.

☐ Your request for non-publication will not be acknowledged because this application is not eligible for publication. Only utility and plant applications filed on or after November 29, 2000 are eligible for publication.

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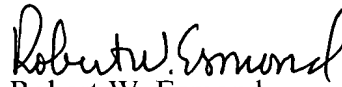
Applicants hereby request that a corrected Official Filing Receipt be issued and sent to the undersigned representative. Specifically, the following correction to the Official Filing Receipt is requested:

In the "**Title**" section, please change "METHOD FOR STEM CELLS IN SERUM FREE CULTURE" to -- METHOD FOR EXPANDING EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS IN SERUM-FREE CULTURE --

In support of the above request, a photocopy of the instant Official Filing Receipt is enclosed with the corrections noted in red. Also enclosed is a copy of the Second Preliminary Amendment, filed December 21, 1999, in which the title of the present application was amended, along with the date-stamped return postcard acknowledging receipt of the Second Preliminary Amendment in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on December 21, 1999. It is requested that a corrected Official Filing Receipt be issued, and sent to the undersigned at the earliest possible time.

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